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Uniform allowance for Prohibition Sub-Inspector.

* 1671 Q.—SRI A. VELOO (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether any dress allowance was given to the Prohibition Sub-Inspectors?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the answer is in the negative."

Steamer service to the Laccadive Islands.

* 1674 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start a steamer service from Malabar to the Laccadives.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government are making efforts to have a steamer service operated."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the urgency of the opening of a steamer service between the Laccadive Islands and the mainland—in the absence of which many tragic deaths of patients have taken place by the outbreak of epidemics —and in the light of the recommendations of the Governor of Madras after his recent visit to the islands based on his personal experience, will the Government expedite the establishment of a steamer service? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have taken the matter up with the Government of India and we expect their reply very soon."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the amount of investment required for starting a steamer service between the mainland and the islands? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I cannot say now. Only when we get the sanction of the Government of India, we will be able to say the exact amount that it will cost us."

Harijan Day.

* 1676 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Kattimuthu is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : " Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) who are the persons who celebrate the ' Harijan Day '; and

(b) whether there is any Government contribution to the deserving Harijans for celebrating the Harijan Day?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The attention of the Member is invited to the paper placed on the table of House with reference to the answer to clause (*c*) of starred question No. 2306 (1452) by Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., answered on 18th March 1955.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Road for fishermen of Chammangudi.

* 1688 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 854, dated 17th May 1954—

(*a*) whether the Government have since received any memorandum from the fishermen of Chammangudi village, Kumarakadivattam, Mayuram taluk, regarding the formation of a road for their benefit; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Harijan welfare schools.

* 1692 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri K. Ishwara) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to transfer control of all the Harijans Welfare schools in the State to the Education Department; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

Opium plants in Wellington Park.

* 1696 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Park Superintendent of Madras Corporation was charged for having grown opium plants in Wellington Park near Rajaji Hall in January 1954; and

(*b*) if so, whether the case was investigated and found to be true?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The allegation against the Park Superintendent was made in an anonymous petition received by the Commissioner of the Corporation, which, on investigation, was found to be utterly false."